The Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids, a division of Harris County Department of Education, is proud to announce recipients of the *2016-2017 CASE for Kids City Connections* funding. All 11 council districts received \$45,000 in funding for *City Connections* grants. Please note, some council districts increased their overall grants budget for *City Connections* this year. See the list of funded organizations below:

DISTRICT C

HITS Theatre

Grant Award:

\$5,000

Project Site(s):

HITS Theatre

JJ's I'm Me Foundation

Grant Award:

\$4,000

Project Site(s):

• Gregory Lincoln Education Center

Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts (MECA)

Grant Award:

\$5,000

Project Site(s):

• Gregory Lincoln Education Center

Urban Harvest, Inc.

Grant Award:

\$5,000

Project Site(s):

- Gregory Lincoln Education Center
- Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School

The Church of I Am

Grant Award:

\$10,000

Project Site(s):

- Garden Oaks Elementary School
- Stevens Elementary School

The Ensemble Theatre

Grant Award:

\$6,000

Project Site(s):

• Gregory Lincoln Education Center

Theory ME-UCP

Grant Award:

\$10,000

Project Site(s):

• YMCA Woodrow Wilson

DISTRICT D

Change Happens

Grant Award:

\$8,000

Project Site(s):

• Change Happens

DISTRICT H

HITS Theatre

Grant Award:

\$4,630

Project Site(s):

- Sherman Elementary School
- KIPP Dream Prep

Girls on the Run Greater Houston

Grant Award:

\$630

Project Site(s):

- Burbank Elementary School
- Pugh Elementary School

Greater Northside Plaza CDC Inc.

Grant Award:

\$10,000

Project Site(s):

• Greater Northside Plaza CDC Inc.

K.I.N.D. Girls Mentoring Program

Grant Award:

\$5,000

Project Site(s):

• Assumption Catholic School

Knowledge- First Empowerment Center

Grant Award:

\$600

Project Site(s):

- Ebeneezer Methodist Church
- Woodland Community Center

DISTRICT K

Brentwood Community Foundation

Grant Award:

\$10,000

Project Site(s):

• Brentwood Church Life Long Learning Center

JJ's I'm Me Foundation

Grant Award:

\$4,000

Project Site(s):

• McAuliffe Middle School

SEWA International Houston

Grant Award:

\$7,500

Project Site(s):

- Aspire Center- Los Arcos
- Aspire Center- San Marcos

YMCA of Greater Houston- West Group

Childcare *Grant Award:*

\$5,000

Project Site(s):

• YMCA at Caldwell Elementary School

CASE for Kids *City Connections*, funded directly by the City of Houston, supports organizations that address the need for youth services outside the school day. Projects funded by the CASE for Kids *City Connections* program take place in a variety of locations including schools, community centers, apartment complexes, and churches. Grants are designed to meet individual Houston city council district needs and provide prevention-based programming that addresses gaps in services to youth.

CASE for Kids received a total of 105 *City Connections* applications for the September 7, 2016 deadline requesting a total of \$843,125 in funding for a variety of out-of-school time programs in the city of Houston. Each council district had a grants budget of \$45,000; some districts elected to increase this budget by adding other district funds. The organizations listed above will provide diverse activities for youth after school including fine arts, academic enrichment, college exploration, and fitness classes.

Individual applicants from the September 2016 group will be notified the week of October 10, 2016 in regards to the next steps in the application process.

For more information, please contact CASE for Kids via email at caseconnections@hcde-texas.org.